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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by: (FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX RATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 12-494 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):
- 3 (a) There is imposed a tax on each deed, instrument or writing, 4 whereby any lands, tenements or other realty is granted, assigned, 5 transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser, or 6 any other person by his direction, when the consideration for the 7 interest or property conveyed equals or exceeds two thousand dollars, 8 (1) subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, at the rate 9 of five-tenths of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real 10 property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing, the revenue 11 from which shall be remitted by the town clerk of the municipality in 12 which such tax is paid, not later than ten days following receipt 13 thereof, to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit to the 14 credit of the state General Fund, and (2) at the rate of one-fourth of one 15 per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed 16 by such deed, instrument or writing, and on and after July 1, [2007] 2009, at the rate of eleven one-hundredths of one per cent of the 17

consideration for the interest in real property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing, provided the amount imposed under this subdivision shall become part of the general revenue of the municipality in accordance with section 12-499.

(b) The rate of tax imposed under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall, in lieu of the rate under said subdivision (1), be imposed on certain conveyances as follows: (1) In the case of any conveyance of real property which at the time of such conveyance is used for any purpose other than residential use, except unimproved land, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed at the rate of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed; (2) in the case of any conveyance in which the real property conveyed is a residential estate, including a primary dwelling and any auxiliary housing or structures, regardless of the number of deeds, instruments or writings used to convey such residential real estate, for which the consideration or aggregate consideration, as the case may be, in such conveyance is eight hundred thousand dollars or more, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed (A) at the rate of onehalf of one per cent on that portion of such consideration up to and including the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars, and (B) at the rate of one per cent on that portion of such consideration in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars; and (3) in the case of any conveyance in which real property on which mortgage payments have been delinquent for not less than six months is conveyed to a financial institution or its subsidiary which holds such a delinquent mortgage on such property, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed at the rate of one-half of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed.

(c) In addition to the tax imposed under subsection (a) of this section, any targeted investment community, as defined in section 32-222, or any municipality in which properties designated as manufacturing plants under section 32-75c are located, may, on or after March 15, 2003, impose an additional tax on each deed, instrument or

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51 writing, whereby any lands, tenements or other realty is granted, 52 assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the 53 purchaser, or any other person by his direction, when the 54 consideration for the interest or property conveyed equals or exceeds 55 two thousand dollars, which additional tax shall be at a rate of up to 56 one-fourth of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real 57 property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing. The revenue 58 from such additional tax shall become part of the general revenue of 59 the municipality in accordance with section 12-499.

(d) For purposes of this section, "unimproved land" means land that
has never been improved, or land that was once improved but has not
contained an intact structure for ten years prior to conveyance of such
land.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sections.		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	12-494

Statement of Purpose:

To maintain the existing municipal real estate conveyance tax until July 1, 2009, and to define the term "unimproved land" for purposes of the real estate conveyance tax.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]